Dear Jim, If your people want an independent reading on the real situation with the lawyers other than Lesar, they might read the Petacque-Hough Sun-Times 11/17/74 piece headed "Daley Kin Role in Ray Trial?" I have a file of this wretched stuff that is enough to choke every prize stud in the Bluegrass, with nothing but silence from Bud. He has refused to do anything about any of this since he first joined it in early April. By this I mean the Livingston end of the Pensterwald-Livingston Axis. Last week's Village Voice involves Bud personally in these idiocies and calls them a conflict of interest. Correctly, I add. If Livingston knows as much about the case as you do, I'd be astounded. He has twice been on his feet in court. Once in 2/71, when I told him what to say and once in this past hearing when it took me three days and long nights to prepare him for what you saw him fuck up. As you remember, I think, with a cinch he wound up fighting with the judge when he lost track of himself in a mere four pages of typed questions, double-spaced pica, that I had prepared for him as I ascertained his capacity to deal with simplest fact. It really is that bad. And I mean I had to eliminate much to get it down to his comprehension. There is no possibility that what Petacque reports can figure in anyxx trial. It is another of many inexplicables that makes me worry and wonder about senior counsel....Jim has a clever way of getting this disassociation into the papers he will file. Long ago we discussed this crazy publicity seeking. We agreed that Jim would send Livingston a telegram telling him that unless he shut up and stayed shut up Jim would quit publicly. It took five days to get delivered. Jim will cite it as an intrusion into rights. It may not be considered as that but it will make the point. ...I came to this story, which I'd asked a friend to get, in working my way down through the mail. Best, HW 11/23/74